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In re Application of :YOSHIMURA, et al.

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                 AND AUTHENTICATION INFORMATION ASSIGNMENT  
                 APPARATUS, AND ENCRYPTION METHOD, DECRYPTION  
                 METHOD, AND AUTHENTICATION INFORMATION  
                 ASSIGNMENT METHOD

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Respectfully submitted,

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